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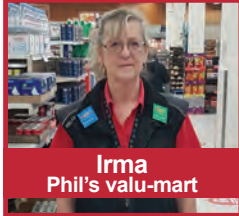
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To all of those who continue to work to supply us with all that is essential, thank you so much for putting yourselves at risk to keep us safe. This is just a snapshot of the many in town who go to work every day — we couldn't possibly cover every workplace. We know there are many, many others, especially our health care workers, who deserve the gratitude of this community. We can't say it often enough — thank you!

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Niagara Long Term Care declares outbreak

Penny Coles
The Local

Lord Mayor Betty Disero is hoping Niagara Region Public Health will release the number of COVID-19 cases in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

She has been working with the office of regional chair Jim Bradley to get those figures, and was told twice last week the information would be made available.

But by Tuesday, she had heard nothing, and she's frustrated.

Niagara Region Public Health is, however, releasing names of regional facilities that have an outbreak, and late Tuesday afternoon it reported Niagara Long Term Care, formerly Chartell, on Wellington Street, has a respiratory out-

break. It had not identified at that time whether or not it was COVID-19, or how many staff or residents were affected.

Dr. Mustafa Hirji, the acting medical officer of health for Niagara Region, says with input from his team, he has made the decision not to release the number of cases, or deaths, by municipality — at least not yet.

The Region's website as of Tuesday morning was reporting 263 cases in Niagara, with 10 deaths. The number of cases of COVID-19 is updated daily, the number of deaths, weekly. Almost 11 per cent of the cases are health care workers, and 30 per cent were in long-term care homes. With other homes in the area declaring outbreaks, that number could be expected to change.

The Niagara Health website was reporting 22 deaths of patients who tested positive for COVID-19 Tuesday, although the virus was not necessarily the cause of death, the website says.

Hirji cites the right to privacy for those infected with the virus, and says with such low numbers in each municipality, they could be identified and stigmatized. He says one of the earliest affected individuals in Niagara was named in the press, with unfortunate consequences, and he doesn't want a repeat of that.

He's trying to reach a balance between giving members of the public the information they need to protect themselves, while not creating a situation where privacy could be a concern, or the numbers skewed, or "misrepresented" in communities.

For example, he says, if he released the number of cases in NOTL, and the next day there was an outbreak in one of the long-term care homes, those numbers could appear to double in a short time, and the attention of provincial and federal media could "damage the reputation" of the town.

"The outside media could come to unjustified conclusions. We don't want a misrepresentation of the results," says Hirji.

There were six long-term care homes in the region with cases of COVID-19 in Tuesday's report, and five others, includ-

ing the one in NOTL, with unknown respiratory outbreaks.

Hirji says releasing numbers in municipalities, which at this point would be low when broken down by 12, "won't inform the risk a great deal."

Most decisions regarding the handling of COVID-19 are made by the provincial and federal governments, not individual municipalities, he says.

If the number of cases increases significantly, he would consider changing his position, but he didn't think it would get there in the next week or so.

The lack of information re-

garding individual municipalities from the Region "is disappointing," says Disero.

"I received information from the chair's office a week ago that the information would be forthcoming. It's not happening."

Some of the numbers that are released are a week old, she added.

Having up-to-date information about what is happening in the community might help stress the need to stay home, she says.

"There are people who are dying, and the numbers of cases are increasing," says Disero. "That's my biggest concern."

Town handling complaints

Penny Coles
The Local

Bylaw officers "were swamped" in Niagara-on-the-Lake over the holiday weekend, says Lord Mayor Betty Disero.

They were checking out complaints of holiday rentals that were occupied, and "all kinds of people parked along the Niagara Parkway," probably not from town.

The Town is "moving beyond education," handing out tickets to people who are not

staying home, she says.

Interim CAO Sheldon Randall and Coun. Erwin Wiens have been traveling around to farms where offshore workers have arrived, making sure they have settled into their isolation and have the supplies they need.

There are some complaints coming into the Town, one about a busload of workers shopping, and others regarding the numbers in the vineyards, seemingly working too close together.

Wiens says "by and large

I've been very impressed," with adherence to guidelines, and efforts to ensure the workers are getting what they need in the way of food and supplies.

He says bylaw officers are at his disposal if he needs them, but most of the calls are unfounded, a result of the public misunderstanding what they're seeing.

"Bylaw officers are double-shifting. All of them are working," he says.

Temporary farm workers

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Penny Coles
The Local

Lending 40 trailers to health care workers started with a Facebook post.

A nurse who wanted to protect family members from the COVID-19 pandemic, but didn't want to be too far away from them, was looking for a place to stay — either a hotel room or a small trailer.

John and Anna Petrie of Niagara Trailers in St. Davids knew they could help. A trailer in the nurse's driveway would be a better solution than a hotel room, says John, so they offered to have one delivered.



John and Anna Petrie of Niagara Trailers are lending 40 trailers to health care workers who choose isolation to protect their families. (Photo supplied)

Since then, they have placed 40 units, about the maximum they can manage. "We don't have that many that are small enough to fit in a driveway," he says.

Although this would normally be a busy time for the local business, it isn't this year, and staff have volunteered to prepare the trailers to be used, and to deliver them.

"It's pretty much a group effort," says John.

Niagara Trailers has customers across Southern On-

tario, and the trailers that have been lent out pretty much cover that area, he says.

They've gone to emergency room nurses, and those who work in long-term care homes, where the spread of the disease is likely. Most of those looking for accommodation outside their home either have senior parents living with them, or a spouse with health issues that make them more vulnerable to the disease. They don't want to stay under the same roof and risk infecting them.

"They're making very difficult decisions to isolate from their families," says John. "In some cases they are isolating away from their kids."

They go where there is the most need, he says, including to one nurse in NOTL who is living with elderly parents.

"Everyone has a story, and we feel they're doing a lot more for us than we're doing for them. This is nothing compared to risking their lives to look after us on the front lines."



Town Urges Compliance to COVID-19 Preventative Measures and Emergency Orders

As the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake's State of Emergency continues, and we enter this next phase of crisis management, we urge residents and businesses to comply with Emergency Orders implemented by the Provincial Government and preventative measures laid out by public health officials.

Practice physical distancing, wash your hands, don't touch your face, disinfect high touch surfaces and do not leave your home unless it is absolutely necessary. Anyone who has recently travelled must self-isolate for 14 days and non-essential businesses must close.

All outdoor recreational amenities are closed. Green spaces remain open for walk-through purposes but gatherings of more than five are prohibited. Remember, the virus doesn't travel, people do.

Community members looking to report a business or individual(s) operating in contravention of Emergency Orders, are asked to contact Niagara-on-the-Lake By-law Enforcement by email (covidcomplaints@notl.com), phone (905-468-3266), or online complaint form at notl.com. After hours complaints or urgent issues can be reported to the Niagara Regional Police Services non-emergency line at 905-688-4111.

To review all Town updates related to COVID-19, read answers to frequently asked questions, and see up-to-date information on the status of Town services, please visit www.notl.com/COVID-19, or call 905-468-3266. Town Staff will continue to assist and serve citizens online and over the phone between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday to Friday.

For immediate alerts, follow the Town on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Happy 1st BIRTHDAY

Ellie!

Love Mommy, Daddy, and all your family!

EDITORIAL

Kindness, tolerance, understanding and hope will get us through this

Who are our heroes? There are so very many, too many to name, and to thank. Doctors and nurses, those looking after seniors in care and seniors at home, and caring for all of those who are sick, whether with COVID-19 or whose care becomes exponentially more difficult because of the pressures on the system due to the virus. They risk their lives and the lives of their family members every time they go to work, in too many cases without their full personal protective equipment. While we're told daily such equipment is on its way where needed, there are too many individual stories of continuing shortages, putting further stress on our health care workers and their families. We hear of so many volunteers still doing what they can, including efforts to make protective equipment not only for hospitals but for others who may be near the bottom of the list to receive the gear they need. There are so many great stories of businesses and individuals trying to make stressful situations less so for all of us. To all of them, thank you!

We know there are many essential workers we don't see, such as the truckers who deliver food and supplies to stores, all our post office and other delivery staff, and those who clean everything from hospitals and long-term care homes to grocery stores and pharmacies. Again, there are far more than we can name, and many I'm sure we're forgetting, but thank you to all those who work behind the scenes, who we don't get a chance to thank in person. Apparently some of us see our grocery store and convenience store staff on a daily basis, we hear, much more often than

we are supposed to venture out. Maybe we could rethink that. We also hear from our essential workers that while most of the customers they see are cheerful, patient, resilient and grateful, a small number, frustrated by all that is going on around them, take it out on the staff. One manager told us she hears from people who are angry one of her staff members is wearing gloves, and others who are angry when other staff are not. They don't like the caution in passing money and items across the counter because they're made to feel as if they are presenting some danger, and they're being told if they don't like working under the circumstances, they should stay home. And some are offended because they have to wait longer than they might normally. Really, all the precautions that are being taken protect customers as much as the staff, and if our essential workers become stressed from the bad behaviour of the public, when they are only doing their jobs and trying to keep themselves and us safe, they would be forgiven for deciding to stay home. That would be unfortunate for all of us. We're hearing from the Town that bylaw officers are receiving loads of complaints, are trying to educate people before issuing fines, and that the complaints most often received are about short-term rental accommodations and other non-essential businesses still operating. There are situations where short-term rental operators are allowed to make their accommodations available to someone who is self-isolating, but they are supposed to notify the Town so bylaw officers won't be putting themselves at risk by going to a door of someone who is sick or in quarantine. In the case of other businesses, the provincial legislation can be confusing, for business owners and for those requiring service, such as distinguishing between lawn maintenance, which is permitted, and undertaking new landscaping projects, which is not. Keeping in mind that each and every one of us is dealing with different situations, different levels of stress and handling it all in different manifestations, we could all do with a reminder to focus on showing kindness, tolerance and understanding to those with whom we come into contact. That alone should make us all heroes! And hopefully, we will receive the same in return. And while we're at it, let's focus on hope, that while this may not be over tomorrow, tomorrow can still be a good day. And one day, it will be over.

Penny Coles
The Local

Decisions, decisions!

While newspapers are considered an essential service, we'd like to remind our readers that since advertising revenue is understandably decreasing, we're having to make decisions that will keep The Local sustainable for the future. Like all businesses struggling through these times, we want to bounce back when this is over, so we are being cautious with how we operate today. That is why you will see an eight-page paper, which is a first for us, but may not be the last. However, we are also considering that next week may bring a necessary, further scaling-down of printing and mailing. If you don't see a copy of The Local in your mailbox — and we understand many are not venturing out to their post office boxes — it will be available online at notllocal.com. Look along the bar at the top for current editions. It will also be posted on Facebook Wednesday, and if you want us to let you know when it's available, email karen@notllocal.com and she will notify you. We understand not every-

one reads their news online, and we hope, at the minimum, we will at least be able to deliver copies of a printed edition to the local Avondales and grocery stores. Like most of you, we find we have to make our decisions one day at a time. We just don't know what tomorrow will bring. And again, thank you to our readers and businesses, whose support we appreciate more than you will ever know!

Penny Coles and
Karen Skeoch
The Local

Limited mask supply

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sick. Many of the students have returned home, and those who are left at the school are not going out. They are following strict rules of isolation and physical distancing as everyone else in town, so the school had a supply greater than what was needed, says Winterbottom. The students in residence have staff onsite 24/7, she says, with teachers who are at home, teaching their students online. Vineridge still has a limited number of masks, she says, to be distributed by the school where needed, Winterbottom says. The need for masks gives Vineridge the opportunity to do something positive in the community, and help out where needed, she says. The original 10,000 were the N95 masks most valued by front-line workers. The ones available now will be surgical masks, which are also in short supply. She is hoping local long-term care homes, and health care workers, will reach out if they need masks. She can be reached at 905-329-8936.

LETTERS

'Loving small community feel'

I have just finished reading this week's Local - cover to cover as I always do. I am very thankful to you for publishing many articles with positive upbeat messages during these challenging times, from stories about children in our community to those helping others to ads telling us what local businesses are still open and needing our support. We just moved to NOTL in December and are really appreciating the 'small community' feel - we are regretting that we cannot get to know our immediate neighbours during these times of social distancing, but your newspaper is giving a sense of the 'community' here that we will no doubt really enjoy once things get back to the 'new normal'. In the meantime, we appreciate learning from your publication about local businesses that we can support and we are enjoying trying to do that. Hopefully all of them will get back into full swing in a few months. Thank you for keeping up your publication through these difficult times!

Ardeth and Rick Staz

Easter at St. Mark's



An Easter service, without a congregation, was held at St. Mark's Sunday, and is available on video to watch. Interim Rector Lynne Marchant led the service, with music director James Bourne playing the organ and Atis Bankas of Music Niagara on the violin. To view the video, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sh0nI8nABi8&feature=youtu.be>.

The NOTL Local acknowledges the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous peoples.

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Local home for the holiday



Mike Balsom
Special to The Local

It was an Easter most of us will never forget, celebrated as it was with physical distancing in place.

But for Connor Crickmore and his family, Easter 2020 will be memorable for other reasons.

Following a 46-hour journey from door to door, Connor finally arrived home in Niagara-on-the-Lake Sunday, after being stranded indefinitely in Nepal.

An experienced world traveller who has visited more than 90 different countries, Crickmore was in the area to take on the Annapurna Circuit Trek, a 21-day journey through the mountain ranges of central Nepal. While deep into the journey, COVID-19 began to show itself in the country.

As he and his trekmates descended from Thorung La Pass, their next stop was in Mukti-nath. There they discovered their journey would be cut short by the pandemic.

Stuck in remote Nepal for a few days, they were finally able to arrange a gut-wrenching bus

ride through the mountains, arriving in the capital city of Kathmandu on March 28. In the meantime, Nepal had put into place a ban on international flights until April 15, meaning Crickmore's ticket home for April 6 would be useless.

With help from his family back home, Crickmore set to work trying to convince the Canadian government to put together plans for a repatriation flight to get him and an estimated 1,100 other Canadian citizens out of Nepal.

He and other Canadians in his overstuffed Kathmandu hostel were hearing about travellers being flown back to Canada from other countries, and were concerned Nepal seemed to be flying below the government's radar.

So, Crickmore and his parents, Shari Hartwick and Randy Crickmore, got busy contacting as many people as they could to get the word out. At the same time, a change.org petition had begun to gather steam (at press time, it had over 7,200 signatures).

One of those contacted was Billy Morrison, a NOTL native who is MP Tony Baldinelli's legislative assistant. "He was passing along the newspaper articles and the CTV story (on my plight), he watched them (other

MPs) reading them, and so they were aware," says Crickmore.

Finally, a sign the government had taken notice came on April 4, when Global Affairs spokesperson Krystyna Dodds announced the High Commission of Canada to India was arranging for a special flight out of Nepal to take place sometime last week. With not enough Canadians registering to fill the plane, government officials reached out to Australia and shared the flight to Doha, Qatar with that country's stranded citizens.

Crickmore's long journey home began just before 8 a.m. Saturday morning, Nepal time.

"We waited there, outside, until about 11:30," says Crickmore. "They did some health screenings, then we got on the bus to the airport. When we arrived at the airport, it was kind of dead - we were the only ones there. Then they crammed us into a room, which broke all their previous social distancing orders."

The flight to Doha lasted just over seven hours, where Crickmore and other Canadians were faced with a 16-hour layover.

His frustrations with the Canadian government continued in Doha.

"They didn't tell us we were entitled to a \$50 to \$60 food voucher while we were there,

and food in the airport was expensive. We also found out later that we could have booked our trip to Montreal directly through Qatar Airways, which would have been much cheaper."

Crickmore and many others ended up whiling away the time sleeping on the floor.

At 4:30 p.m. Qatar time, he finally boarded the plane for the 13-hour trip to Montreal.

"Our flight to Montreal was a bigger plane, so I assume we picked up some other Canadians to fill the plane," he says.

In the end, 46 hours and \$3,500 later, he was greeted by his family at Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

"My mom had to fight back some tears, for sure," he laughs. "I should say that she's used to the drill, but I don't think it gets any easier for her. Generally when I travel, it's for about nine months at a time."

He adds, "a lot of the things I do, I try not to tell her until afterward, so she doesn't worry. When I'm going into the Congo in the middle of a war, I tell her after I have come back safely and I have some photos to show her."

Mom Shari should feel better, then, about Connor's next adventure.

Set to turn 30 later this year, he says it's time for him to pur-



Connor Crickmore got a flight from Nepal to bring him home in time for Easter. He is in isolation for 14 days, glad to be close to friends and family, including his mom, Shari Hartwick. (Photo supplied)

sue a career.

"This was the final hurrah," claims Crickmore. "I spent six years studying law (at Edith Cowan University in Australia, Carleton University and UiT-The Arctic University of Norway) and I haven't used it at all."

Though he could practise law in Norway, he hasn't earned a Canadian law degree or written the bar exam here. "I could still work in law, but I wouldn't be practising," he explains. "I could still be dealing with legal documents, but more on a corporate level."

Once he finds a job that calls

on his studies, he's definitely a realist when it comes to his future travels. "Yeah, I'll be like everyone else, only able to get a couple of weeks off at a time. And, to be honest, I'll probably just book a trip to the Caribbean to unwind."

For his 14-day quarantine, Connor is hunkered down alone at a family friend's summer cottage in town. "I'm thrilled to be home," he says. "It's great to see my family, and to have them down the road. It's mostly creature comforts and a sense of security, in the health sense, too."

MP provides update on rapidly changing aid programs



MP Tony Baldinelli
Special to The Local

As your federal Member of Parliament, I wanted to take this opportunity to reach out and provide you all with an update during what can only be described as the most unprecedented of times.

The impact of COVID-19, on our community and throughout the nation, has resulted in governments at all levels coming together to provide the needed programs and services required to see us through this most difficult period.

With the House of Commons adjourned because of COVID-19, I have been working in the riding with my staff to assist constituents, small businesses, and our local industries. Constituents who need assistance on federal matters are always welcome to call or email my offices for help. Contact information can be found on my website,

www.tonybaldinellimp.ca.

One of the biggest challenges during COVID-19, has been ensuring we are able to share the most accurate of information, as new programs are created and rolled out to address the impacts of coronavirus. For that reason, I have been working closely with constituents and small businesses to share your concerns directly with my opposition colleagues and the federal government. Likewise, I have been actively sharing information provided by the federal government on social media. You can find the latest by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/tonybaldinellimp/>.

For constituents who have stopped working because of COVID-19, the federal government has launched the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). The application period began on Monday, April 6. More details about this program, such as eligibility criteria and how to apply, can be found online at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html>.

In addition, I have been

actively engaged in supporting constituents who have become stranded while travelling abroad. Although some constituents have already returned home, please be assured, I will continue to work with Global Affairs Canada and the federal government to help bring other local residents home. We have had cases in Nepal, Peru, Ecuador, Laos, India, and many other countries, as well as a number of individuals aboard cruise ships.

In addition to these efforts, I have continued to advocate for measures to support our local industries. For tourism, I have been advocating for an economic aid package. So far, the government response has been disappointing, but I remain hopeful they will understand the significance of tourism for Niagara Falls and our riding.

For our local agriculture and wine industries, I am pleased to announce we were successful in persuading the federal government to allow border entry to temporary foreign workers and seasonal agricultural workers. Without these important workers, these industries would face

an immediate and devastating labour shortage that could have impacted our future food supply and security.

We will continue to work with the government and ensure adequate supports are put in place to support our tremendously important small and medium size enterprises. While the government has created the new 75 per cent Wage

Subsidy Program and Canada Emergency Business Account, more needs to be done to flow financial resources to our small business sector, more quickly.

I can also assure you, I will continue to advocate for the federal government to secure and supply more personal protective equipment for our front-line healthcare workers. I want to thank them for all the work

they are doing to keep us safe and healthy during this international pandemic.

For the rest of us, please stay home whenever possible and practice safe social distancing. Also, always remember to wash your hands frequently. Together, we can prevent the spread of this deadly virus and if we follow the advice given to us by our medical officers, we will get through this together.

Most complaints 'misunderstandings'

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who have finished their isolation period are allowed in groups of five, whether working or taking breaks. Any more than that, they are to travel separately and work separately in crews of five. Farmers are starting them out in vineyards, for example, of 10 rows apart for each crew, so they can keep their physical distance, says Wiens.

Some of the crews are from St. Catharines, and have been pruning all winter, he says, and people see them and think they should be in quarantine.

If residents see something they think is unsafe, they should contact the Town at 905-468-3266, but specific details are required to follow up.

"If there's a complaint about a bus at valu-mart and the bus is gone when we get there, if we don't know where it's from, there isn't much we can do about it. We need specific information."

There were some "growing pains" initially about filling large food orders for the workers, but grocery stores are getting on board and doing what they can to help, says Wiens.

Mexican workers arrived

Saturday, sooner than expected, he says.

Some are being quarantined in hotel rooms, when they're headed to farms where there are workers who have already finished their isolation, and rooms will also be available for anyone who becomes sick and requires isolation, Wiens says. He's purchased a trailer for his small group in case it's needed.

"There are plenty of options out there," Wiens says. "Everything is moving along. The good news is the colder weather, so everything's a little further behind."



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Auchterlonie on Astrology

Bill Auchterlonie Special to The Local

While the pandemic shrinks the number of pages of the Local, Auchterlonie on Astrology will also downsize to one paragraph, for the printed version at least.

The highlight this week is on Wednesday, April 22: It's the new moon in Taurus – and sadly, we don't get to see it at 10:25 p.m. It's already below the horizon. It's called the pink moon courtesy of dust in the sky at sunset. My

guess is that because of the lack of activity by people due to the COVID-19 virus, we may get the palest pink Moon ever.

In any case, it will be stronger on the West Coast, and will start a new month, setting up the beginning of the end of the pandemic.

Check out my website and Podcast at www.lookingupwithbill.com.

Also, please watch for the full week's version of Auchterlonie on Astrology online at notllocal.com.

Local hockey players provincial co-champs



Ed Friesen



Kaleb Dietsch



Logan Rossi

Ed Friesen, Kaleb Dietsch and Logan Rossi are three local 13-year-olds who play AA hockey in Niagara Falls. Just as they were about to begin their major peewee Ontario Minor Hockey Association finals against Peterborough, all hockey was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The OMHA decided to call the two teams co-champions, earning them the Stanley Cup of minor hockey, the coveted Red Hat award, and making them co-champions rather than finalists. (Photos supplied)

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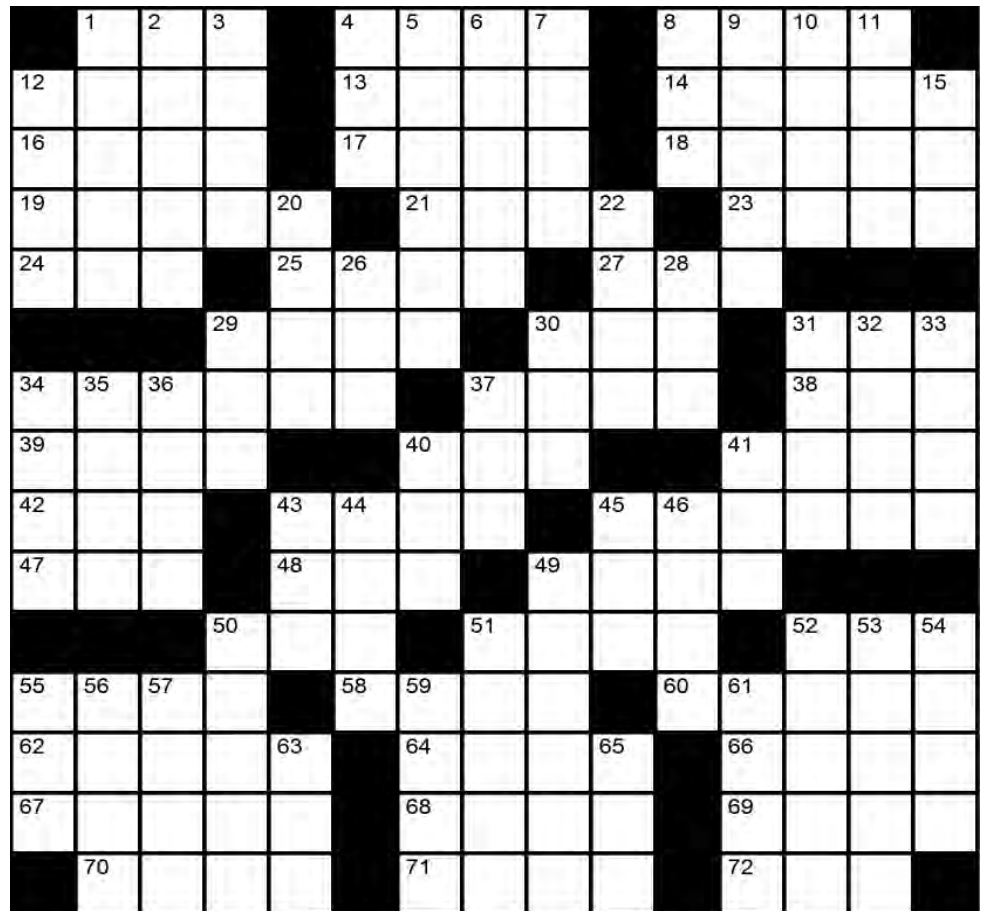
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

Across:

- 1 Sizable
- 4 First Lady before Mamie
- 8 Speedy
- 12 Flintstone pet
- 13 Large international show
- 14 "I am just --- boy, though my story's seldom told..." (Simon and Garfunkel, "The Boxer")
- 16 North of Tex.
- 17 Take --- Train (Duke Ellington song)
- 18 Upper story
- 19 Totters
- 21 European mountain system
- 23 "Copacabana" showgirl
- 24 Tucson time
- 25 Barrier
- 27 Holler
- 29 Sheet of glass
- 30 Computer interconnection system
- 31 Higher degree
- 34 Marzipan base
- 37 Tomb Raider --- Croft
- 38 Not ordained
- 39 Undiluted
- 40 Big Blue
- 41 This place
- 42 Sawbuck
- 43 Chemical pollutants banned in 1975
- 45 Leftovers
- 47 Space viewed from below

Down:

- 1 E.g. Schwinns
- 2 Arm of the sea
- 3 Target
- 4 Gamble
- 5 Breathe out
- 6 Incantation
- 7 Cleaner
- 8 Aviation safety grp.
- 9 Fittingly
- 10 "Licence to Kill" Bond girl Talisa ---
- 11 Labor strenuously
- 12 Campus housing

- 15 --- Building, now the Comcast Building, N Y C
- 20 Graceful waterbird
- 22 Lasting mark
- 26 Logical operator
- 28 Viral genetic material
- 29 Mary Jane
- 30 Flee
- 31 Court statement
- 32 Heavenly instrument
- 33 Fabric colors
- 34 Hill dwellers
- 35 Emblem of Wales
- 36 Large number
- 37 2,000 to a ton
- 40 Arabic "son of"
- 41 Slugger's stat.
- 43 Common measure of pollutants
- 44 Turning point
- 45 Health club
- 46 Edge of a street
- 49 Singer --- Dion
- 50 Ring
- 51 Screen dot
- 52 Osaka fish dish
- 53 Aromatic bulbous vegetable
- 54 Habit
- 55 Journal
- 56 Reverberation
- 57 Dagger thrust
- 59 Overactors
- 61 Coarse file
- 63 Flat fish
- 65 Down

Sudoku solution from April 2, 2019

1	2	8	3	5	9	4	7	6
4	7	5	6	8	1	9	2	3
6	3	9	2	7	4	5	8	1
9	5	2	7	4	3	1	6	8
7	4	1	8	9	6	3	5	2
3	8	6	5	1	2	7	4	9
2	9	4	1	6	5	8	3	7
8	1	3	4	2	7	6	9	5
5	6	7	9	3	8	2	1	4

Across: 1 Big, 4 Bess, 8 Fast, 12 Dino, 13 Expo, 14 A poor, 16 Okla, 17 The A, 18 Alps, 19 Reels, 21 Alps, 23 Lola, 24 M S T, 25 Wall, 27 Cry, 29 Pane, 30 L A N, 31 Ph D, 34 Almond, 37 Lara, 38 Lay, 39 Neat, 40 I B M, 41 Here, 42 Ten, 43 PC BS, 45 Scraps, 47 Sky, 48 Pun, 49 C P Us, 50 PMs, 51 Pear, 52 Sow, 55 Mesh, 58 Phil, 60 Bruno, 62 Actor, 64 Axis, 66 As in, 67 Ghana, 68 Mena, 69 Shot, 70 Obey, 71 Sled, 72 P I N.

Down: 1 Bikes, 2 Inlet, 3 Goal, 4 Bet, 5 Exhale, 6 Spell, 7 Soap, 8 F A A, 9 Aptly, 10 Solo, 11 Toll, 12 Down, 15 R C A, 20 Swan, 22 Scar, 26 AND, 28 RN A, 29 Pot, 30 Lam, 31 Plea, 32 Harp, 33 Dyes, 34 Ants, 35 Leek, 36 Mary, 37 Lbs, 40 lbn, 41 Hrs, 43 P m, 44 Cusp, 45 Spa, 46 Curb, 49 Celline, 50 Phone, 51 Pixel, 52 Sushi, 53 Onion, 54 Wort, 55 Mag, 56 Echo, 57 Stab, 59 Hams, 61 Rasp, 63 Ray, 65 Sad.

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